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The SPECTATOR.

——Si ad honestatem nati sumus, ea aut sola expetenda est, aut certe omni pondere gravior est habenda quam reliqua omnia. Tull.

Monday, April 14. 1712.

WILL HONEYCOMB was complaining to me Yesterday, that the Conversation of the Town is so altered of late Years that a fine Gentleman is at a Loss for Matter to start Discourse, as well as unable to fall in with the Talk he generally meets with. WILL takes Notice, that there is now an Evil under the Sun which he supposes to be intirely new, because not mentioned by any Satyrist or Moralist in any Age: Men, said he, grow Knaves sooner than they ever did since the Creation of the World before. If you read the Tragedies of the last Age, you find the artful Men and Persons of Intrigue are advanced very far in Years, and beyond the Pleasures and Salacity of Youth; but now WILL observes, that the young have taken in the Vices of the Aged; and you shall have a Man of five and twenty crafty, false and intriguing, not ashamed to over-reach, cousen, and beguile. My Friend adds, that till about the latter End of King *Charles*'s Reign, there was not a Rascal of any Eminence under forty: In the Places of Resort for Conversation, you hear nothing but what relates to improving Mens Fortunes, without Regard to the Methods towards it. This is so fashionable, that young Men form themselves upon a certain Neglect of every thing that is candid, simple and worthy of true Esteem; and affect being yet worse than they are, by acknowledging in their general Turn of Mind and Discourse, that they have not any remaining Value for true Honour and Honesty: Preferring the Capacity of being Artful to gain their Ends, to the Merit of despising those Ends when they come in Competition with their Honesty. All this is due to the very silly Pride that generally prevails, of being valued for the Ability of carrying their Point: In a Word, from the Opinion that shallow and unexperienced People entertain of the short lived force of Cunning. But I shall, before I enter upon the various Faces which Folly covered with Artifice puts on to impose upon the Unthinking, produce a great Authority for asserting, that nothing but Truth and Ingenuity has any lasting good Effect even upon a Man's Fortune and Interest.

'*Truth and Realty have all the Advantages of Appearance, and many more. If the show of any thing be good for any thing, I am sure Sincerity is better; for why does any Man dissemble, or seem to be that which he is not, but because he thinks it good to have such a quality as he pretends to? for to counterfeit and dissemble, is to put on the appearance of some real Excellency. Now the best way in the World for a Man to seem to be any thing, is really to be what he would seem to be. Besides, that it is many times as troublesome to make good the Pretence of a good Quality, as to have it; and if a Man have it not, it is ten to one, but he is discovered to want it; and then all his pains and labour to seem to have it, is lost. There is something unnatural in Painting, which a skilful Eye will easily discern from Native Beauty and Complexion.*

'*It is hard to personate and act a Part long; for where Truth is not at the Bottom, Nature will always be endeavouring to return, and will peep out and betray herself one time or other. Therefore if any Man think it convenient to seem Good, let him be so indeed, and then his Goodness will appear to every Bodys Satisfaction; so that upon all Accounts Sincerity is true Wisdom. Particularly as to the Affairs of this World, Integrity hath many Advantages over all the fine and artificial ways of Dissimulation and Deceit; it is much the plainer and easier, much the safer and more secure way of dealing in the World; it has less of trouble and difficulty, of entanglement and perplexity, of danger and hazard in it; it is the shortest and neareſt way to our end, carrying us thither in a streight line, and will hold out and last longest. The Arts of Deceit and Cunning do continually grow weaker and less effectual and serviceable to them that use them; whereas Integrity gains strength by use, and the more and longer any Man practiseth it, the greater service it does him, by confirming his Reputation, and encouraging those with whom he hath to do, to repose the greatest trust and confidence in him, which is an unspeakable advantage in the Business and Affairs of Life.*

'*Truth is always consistent with it self, and needs nothing to help it out; it is always near at hand, and sits upon our Lips, and is ready to drop out before we are aware; whereas a Lye is troublesome, and sets a Man's invention upon the Rack, and one trick needs a great many more to make it good. It is like building upon a false Foundation, which continually stands in need of Props to shoar it up, and proves at last more chargeable, than to have raised a substantial Building at first upon a true and solid Foundation; for Sincerity is firm and substantial, and there is nothing hollow and unsound in it, and because it is plain and open, fears no discovery, of which the crafty Man is always in danger; and when he thinks he walks in the dark, all his Pretences are so transparent, that he that runs may read them; he is the last Man that finds himself to be found out, and whilst he takes it for granted that he makes Fools of others, he renders himself ridiculous.*

'*Add to all this, that Sincerity is the most compendious Wisdom, and an excellent Instrument for the speedy dispatch of Business; it creates confidence in those we have to deal with, saves the labour of many Enquiries, and brings things to an issue in few Words: It is like travelling in a plain beaten Road, which commonly brings a Man sooner to his Journeys end, then*

than By-ways, in which Men often loose themselves. In a word, whatsoever convenience may be thought to be in Falshood and Dissimulation, it is soon over; but the inconvenience of it is perpetual; because it brings a Man under an everlasting jealousie and suspicion, so that he is not believed when he speeks truth, nor trusted when perhaps he means honestly: When a Man hath once forfeited the Reputation of his Integrity, he is set fast, and nothing will then serve his turn, neither Truth nor Falshood.

'And I have often thought, that God hath in great Wisdom hid from Men of false and dishonest Minds the wonderful Advantages of Truth and Integrity to the prosperity even of our worldly Affairs; these Men are so blinded by their Covetousness and Ambition, that they cannot look beyond a present Advantage, nor forbear to seize upon it, tho' by ways never so indirect; they cannot see so far, as to the remote Consequences of a steady Integrity, and the vast Benefit and Advantages which it will bring a Man at last. Were but this sort of Men wise and clear-sighted enough to discern this, they would be honest, out of very Knavery, not out of any love to Honesty and Virtue, but with a crafty design to promote and advance more effectually their own Interests; and therefore the Justice of the Divine Providence hath hid this truest point of Wisdom from their Eyes, that bad Men might not be upon equal Terms with the Just and Upright, and serve their own wicked Designs by honest and lawful Means.

'Indeed, if a Man were only to deal in the World for a Day, and should never have occasion to converse more with Mankind, never more need their good Opinion, or good Word, it were then no great matter (speaking as to the Concernments of this World) if a Man spent his Reputation all at once, and ventured it at one throw: But if he be to continue in the World, and would have the advantage of Conversation whilst he is in it, let him make use of Truth and Sincerity in all his Words and Actions, for nothing but this will last and hold out to the end; all other Arts will fail, but Truth and Integrity will carry a Man through, and bear him out to the last.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Remov'd from Charing-Cross, to the Cooper's-Arms on Great-Tower-Hill, these Rarities following; viz. A little Man 3 Foot high and 32 Years of Age, strait and proportionable every way. The next is his Wife, a little Woman, 2 Foot 9 Inches high, and 30 Years of Age, who is now safely brought to Bed, after a long and tedious Labour, under the Hands of several Eminent Doctors, being the least Woman that ever was with Child in Europe: Likewise their little House, 2 Foot odd Inches high, which performs several wonderful Actions by the Word of Command, being so small that it's kept in a Box. Next is that wonderful Female Creature having a Head like a Hog, a Satyr from the Coast of Brazil, having a Head like a Child, and of such a wonderful Shape that the like was never seen in England before, with a great many strange and wonderful Creatures, which are too tedious to be mentioned here. And is to be seen from 9 in the Morning till 9 at Night, where due Attendance shall be given. Note, They will continue to be shewn this Week and no longer.

Wm Tazwell undertakes to accomplish Gentlemen, or other Persons of either Sex above the Age of 14 Years, in the compleat knowledge of the Latin Tongue, and make them capable of rendring Latin into English, and English into Latin, (by their Attendance only an Hour at a time 3 Days in a Week) in 3 Months time from his first beginning to teach them, tho' they never learnt the Language before: And that by an easie practical Method, entirely new, founded upon undeniable Reason and Experience, and so wholly free from the tedious Forms of Schools, as not to require much Study or Pains, or be in the least burthensome to the Memory, but is pleasant as well as profitable, and does not tire the Person's Patience in Learning, or break the Thoughts from, or hinder any Business. He is to be agreed with next the Blue Anchor and Crown in Prince's-Street near Stocks-Market, the lower end of the Street, where they may be taught, or at their own Dwelling.

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William Luce of London, Linnen-draper, having lately let his Shop at the three Nuns and Hare in Cheapside, thinks fit to let his Acquaintance and others know, that he is removed to his Warehouse in Gutter-lane the first House on the Right-hand, which said Warehouse adjoins to the said Shop, and is three Doors from the three Nuns and Hare: who hath by him a very large Quantity of all Sorts of Hollands, and abundance of them very fine for Shirting, & also a large Quantity of Holland above one Ell broad, very fine, for Shirting; a very large Quantity of very fine plain Camtrick and Lawns, they being of his own Importation from Holland. Also superfine plain and strip'd Muslins, superfine Bohea and Green Tea, &c. And designs to open his Warehouse on Thursday the 17th of this Instant April, in order to dispose of them, and whoever will give themselves the Trouble to view the same, shall find such Incouragement, that he doubts not but for the future to please them.

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At the Lace-Chamber on Ludgate-Hill, kept by Mary Parsons, is lately come over great Quainties of Flanders Lace, with variety of new fashon Pattons: She bought them there herself, so will sell great Penny-worths whole Sail or Retail.

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